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TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED 13 to 24 August 1952

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Between 29 July and 1 August 1952, the following railroad tank cars arrived at Werneuchen airfield:

29 July, 1 tank car
3 August, 5 tank cars
3 August, 3 tank cars
6 August, 5 tank cars

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Between 4 and 9 August, 12 gasoline tanks, each with a capacity of 280 hectoliters, arrived for the new fuel dump in the woods southeast of the hangars.

these tanks came from the Nationalized Brewing Machine Factory in Halle/Saale. The shipping document, dated 6 August 1952, was addressed to Herr Hrenow (fnu) in Werneuchen. Hrenow was not known in the construction management

2. The spur track was to be extended 800 meters as far as the woods southeast of the hangars. The gasoline tanks were emplaced only in a makeshift way in the auxiliary fuel dump, because they were to be encased in concrete in the new fuel dump in the woods southeast of the hangars. (2)

3. The northern taxiway, which was 3115.5 meters long, had 24 hardstands. Some hardstands had a length of 90 meters; the others had a length of 65 meters, their rounded sections being 36 meters in diameter and their straight sections being 18 meters wide. (3)

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4. Up to 9 August, the AA guns emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field was occupied by six 37-mm AA guns. North of the spur track there were 10 tents. On 7 August, seven cots were observed in each tent.

The AA guns emplacement in the northwestern section of the field was vacated. The AA guns, previously emplaced there, were dispatched to Justerbog via Wriezen and not via Wurzen as was previously reported. (4)

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5. On 5 August, 25 jet bombers landed at the field.

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7. On 5 August, flying started at 8:30 a.m. and continued until the next morning. A type-30 plane towed a sleeve target. Between 6:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 7 August there was local flying by two aircraft which took off and landed on the sodded surface. At the take-off, a large plume of smoke developed. During the landing, the aircraft rocked considerably. Between 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 8 August, take-offs and landings were made on the sodded surface, next to the runway. (7)
8. On 8 August, the six AA guns in the emplacement near the signal house were removed and eight new guns of heavy caliber and with a muzzle brake arrived there, but they were not yet emplaced on the same evening.
9. On 8 August, seven new fuel containers with a capacity of more than 20,000 liters arrived for the new fuel dump. (2)
10. The shrapnelproof revetments were being provided with reinforced concrete walls having pillars of concrete instead of timber as was previously planned. The space between the walls was to be filled with earth. (8) 25X1
11. In early August, a conference was held by the construction superintendents and Staatssekretär Wilhelm Mayer during which the target date for completion of all installations at the field was fixed on 1 November. It was also decided to increase the work time from 8 to 10 hours per day. (9)

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15. Between 5:15 a.m. and noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. on 21 August, there was flying by jet bombers of both types, including two with the [redacted] On 22 August, 34 jet bombers were counted at the field and another plane of the same type was believed to be there. (10) AA guns of an estimated 85-mm caliber were emplaced in the northwestern corner of the field. 25X1

Comments.

- (1) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The reported number of arriving tank cars is believed to be correct. 25X1
- (2) The construction of a new fuel dump in the woods southeast of the field has been planned for some time. [redacted] The capacity of the old fuel dump in the northern section of the field was believed to amount to 1.2 million liters. If the 7 tanks [redacted] are not included among the 12 tanks reported [redacted] the total capacity of the new fuel dump will be 476,000 liters. In addition to the old fuel dump, the total storage capacity at the field would be about 1.6 million liters. This would be 400,000 liters less than at Brand bomber airfield. It is believed that more fuel containers will arrive at Wernschoen airfield. The firm supplying the tanks and Herr Hrenow are reported for the first time.

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- (3) The two different dimensions of hardstands are reported for the first time. 25X1
For sketches of hardstands, see Annex 1.
- (4) [REDACTED] 25X1
- (5) Captain Vasilyev is not known. [REDACTED]
- (6) [REDACTED]
- (7) It is reported for the first time that jet bombers take-off and land next to the runway on the landing field.
- (8) The intended change in the construction of shrapnelproof aircraft revetments was previously reported. [REDACTED]
- (9) Meyer is Staatssekretar in the Ministry for the Building Industry. 25X1
- (10) Werneuchen airfield is still occupied by two bomber regiments equipped with about 35 type-27s.

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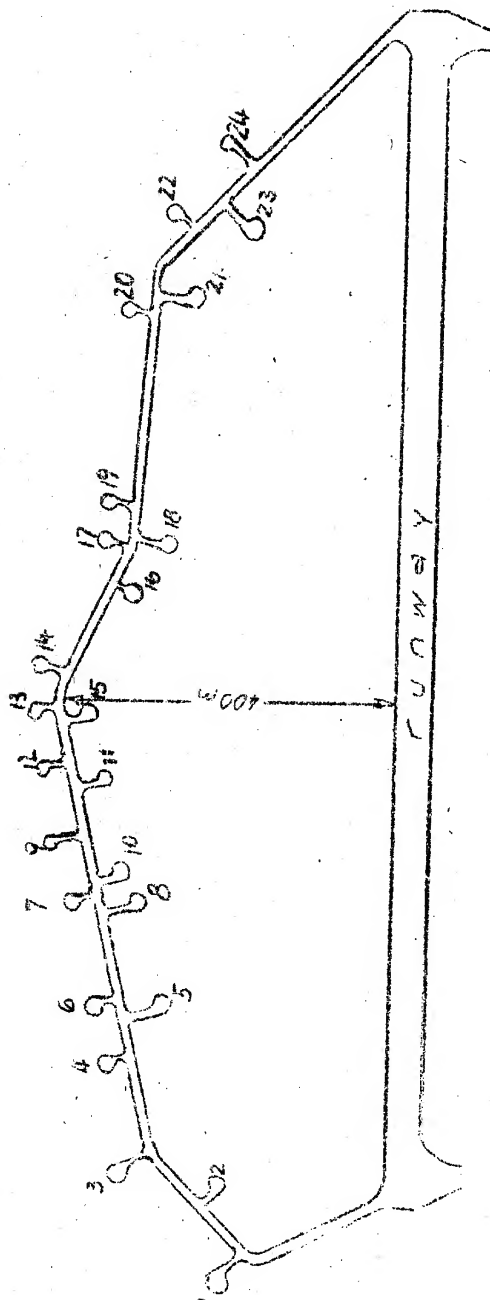
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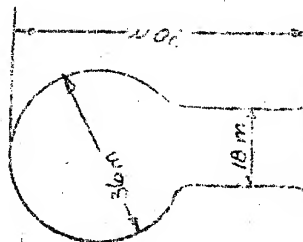
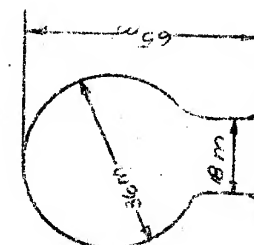
Annex 1 to

Northern Taxiway and Hardstands at Wernheiden Airfield



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Hardstands



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